



State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
GUBERNATORIAL PROCLAMATION

Older Americans Month

WHEREAS, Rhode Island joins the nation in the annual celebration of May as Older Americans Month; and

WHEREAS, the theme for the 2012 celebration of Older Americans Month is "Never Too Old to Play"; and

WHEREAS, seniors are an ever-growing force in community service, social networking, arts, recreational, and faith-based groups; and

WHEREAS, embracing social, community, creative and physical activities have measurable health benefits for seniors; and

WHEREAS, older Rhode Islanders provide a powerful sense of historic, cultural, and experience-based identity and roots to the state's younger generations; and

WHEREAS, effective support programs for seniors must reflect their desire to remain independent and in the community; and

WHEREAS, we owe our lives and our society to the contributions of seniors; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lincoln D. Chafee, Governor of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, do hereby proclaim May, 2012 to be Older Americans Month in Rhode Island and encourage all its citizens to join me in recognizing the importance of this month.

Given under my hand and the great
seal of the State of Rhode Island
and Providence Plantations,
this 4th day of May, 2012




Lincoln D. Chafee
Governor


A. Ralph Mollis
Secretary of State